

Examiner Interview

Examiner Dews, SPE Kindred, and Applicant's Attorney, Rochelle Lieberman met for an in-person interview on November 6, 2007. Applicant's Attorney hereby submits a summary of the interview.

There was no exhibit or demonstration of the invention provided. The claims discussed during the interview included representative claim 1. The prior art references, U.S. Patent No. 5,878,056 to *Black et al.*, and "Storage Area Networking: The Network Behind the Server", by *Tang*, were discussed as they applied to the prior art rejections of the outstanding claims.

The interview took place prior to issuance of the outstanding Office Action. During the interview the prior art was discussed in detail in view of the pending claims and a proposed amendment provided by Applicant's Attorney. It was suggested by the Examiners that to distinguish the invention over the prior art the claims would need to more clearly specify the message queue location within the system as well as a central server to manage the SAN.